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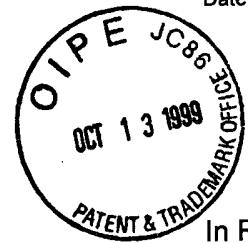
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application: )

Fernando Valle et al. )

Group Art Unit: 1652

Serial No.: 08/940,692 )

Examiner: R. Prouty

Filed: September 30, 1997 )

For: Application of Glucose Transport Mutants for )  
Production of Aromatic Pathway Compounds )

AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.116

Box DAC  
Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action mailed March 31, 1997, Applicants respectfully request consideration and entry of the following comments and amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please delete Claim 32, without prejudice.

Please amend the claims as follows:

23. (once amended) A mutant host cell [useful for increasing PEP availability to enhance carbon flow into a metabolic pathway of said host cell wherein said] comprising a metabolic pathway which uses PEP as a precursor or intermediate of metabolism, said host cell characterized by:  
(a) being phenotypically Pts-/glu+;  
(b) requiring galactose permease activity to transport glucose; and

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